

# WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

July 25, 2024 \* \* Minutes - Draft

**Present:** Matt Couillard CH, Susan Lyons, Daphne Herwig, Orvil Lasell , Matt Walker  
**Guest:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. at the Town Office.

**Minutes:** Minutes from June 27, 2024 were reviewed. Motion made by Orvil L to accept with a correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daphne H.. All approved and Motion passed.

**Budget Status Report:** Budget Status Reports dated July 25, 2024 were presented, one for the Previous Year and one for the Current Year.

**Warrants:** Kirkyard Services LLC – July Mowing contract - \$5,125.00; Kirkyard Services LLC Inv. #1972 - \$350.00 (1 Burial/Robar) Total paid out = \$5,475.00

**Income:** Pecor burial - \$400.00; 1 grass marker to be installed \$125.00 (Pecor)  
Total received = \$525.00 (Note this income was received on July 23rd and was not included in the above Budget Status Report.)

## New Business:

Matt C. Have we heard from Joe?

Susan L. Yes - - he called the office this afternoon to say he wouldn't be at this meeting. He gave me his report over the phone.  
They mowed on Monday - - doesn't seem to be a whole lot going on. They cleaned a total of 80 stones which included raising and cleaning 80 grass markers in the Village Cemetery. He is available to do more if we want.  
Joe mentioned that he has tried to get ahold of Mr. Burrell, left him several messages and is still working on resolving this concern. He has talked to his people regarding the chipping of the grass markers. I told him that I was pretty sure that when Mr. Burrell spoke to Matt C. that he wanted to replace them.  
Joe wanted to know if the committee had made a decision on the removal of a tree branch or the broken fence in Village Cemetery?  
I also asked him about the corner posts for the Robinson lot in East Hill. He said that he had not previously ordered them but would do so and that he was dealing with Vt Monuments out of Morrisville, Vt. Their price was \$168.00/4.  
Joe also raised the question about the new law concerning video-taping the meetings.

Discussion followed.

Matt. W. I took a ride through the cemetery and noticed the stone cleaning. There is streaking on some of the stones.

Group Not sure if it's the material being used – or just not washing it off enough? Will point this out to Joe and ask him about it.  
Check with Dirty Rock for pricing this year.  
Hold off on any more cleaning for a while – maybe in the Fall.  
The committee decided to take care of the tree limb and the broken fencing.  
Give Jeannine Murphy a call to let her know. (Susan – I will give her a call.)

Matt W. I cleaned Homer Hebert's stone and noticed that there's some missing silicone around the bottom of the stone. Will check on prices for the special silicone for granite.

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- Matt W. Will also try and realign the Sivright/Brockway stone. Couldn't locate it earlier.
- Susan L. There are two stones in the Village Cemetery that will need to be repaired. I took a couple of pictures of them.
- Group Discussion - - Also talked about the stones in West Hill that will either need to be repaired or replaced.  
Ethics concern discussed with having Matt W's company do some work. Will check the Town Ethics Policy.  
Who else might do this kind of work? Check with Dirty Rock.
- Orvil L. As far as the corner posts go - - I have a problem with using granite that comes from China in our cemeteries.
- Group Discussed this and all agreed that we would not use granite that comes from China.
- Susan L. I checked with Joe's Custom and got a price on 4 corner posts with initial and was quoted \$176.00 for a set. I will double check with Debbie to make sure that their granite doesn't come from China. I also checked on grass markers and was quoted – depending on the number of letters needed – the price was between \$301 or \$330.
- Group The board decided to let Joe know that we would prefer to use Joe's Custom. There wasn't that much of a price difference. If Joe had already ordered the "R" for the Robinson lot in East Hill Cemetery then we would accept that – but in the future - - buy from Joe's Custom.

**Other/Old Business:**

- Matt C. Anything else? No - - .
- Susan L. I'll make the Motion to adjourn – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt W. All approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: August 22, 2024

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